

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7, 21, 23 and 24 have been rejected as unpatentable over Tews (5,148,000). The Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for his thoughtful comments.

5 Upon reviewing the Examiner's Office Action, the Applicant has cancelled claims 1-24, and has submitted new claims 25-48. Claims 25-48 are the same as those claims accepted for allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated September 4, 2003, in patent application serial no. 09/804,686 (now abandoned), which the instant patent application is a continuation of, and is hereby incorporated by
10 reference.

Conclusion

In view of the above, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

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